(c) Price realisation this year is higher than that of last year.

(d) Specifications of iron ore to be exported to Japan and China are different and hence prices are strictly not comparable.

Manufacture of beer from molasses

1384. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that very recently Government have removed the licensing, registration /industrial licences and capacity approval for manufacturing of beer from molasses based Alcohol including Barley/Maize etc. or non-molasses raw materials, if so, what are the details thereof ;

(b) when setting up of new units for manufacturing were banned and reasons for relaxation in the new policy; and

(c) whether small scale sector require letter of intent/industrial licences under the provision of the I (D&R) Act of DGTD registration clearance etc., for setting up of new project units for manufacture of Beer are other Alcoholic drinks, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The decision that no Industrial Licences for setting up new undertakings or expansion of existing capacity for distillation or brewing of alcoholic drinks would be granted except in cases where production is exclusively for exports, was communicated in Government's Press Note of 19th November, 1975 and reiterated in a subsequent Press Note of 1st April, 1981. The relaxation in this policy was announced in Government's Press Note of 14th February, 1989 keeping in view the fact that it will have the effect of weaning away people from consuming alcoholic drinks which are more injurious to health.

(c) All units including those in the small scale sector require an Industrial Licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for distillation or brewing of alcoholic drinks and applications will have to be made to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the prescribed form 'IL' together with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/-

Setting up of new units for distillation or brewing of Alcoholic drinks including beer

1385. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names, addresses of the companies/individuals who have been granted letter of Intent/ Industrial licences for setting up of new units for distillation or brewing of Alcoholic drinks includin beer from non-molasses raw-material such as fruits, vegetables, coarse grains, and sugar beet to ensure remunerative prices to poor farmers for their products after policy has relaxed in April, 1988 as on date and capacity approved item-wise and party-wise;

(b) what are the norms and conditions or criteria laid down by Government for grant of such letter of Intent/Industrial licences referred to above; and

(c) whether small scale sector required letter of Intent/Industrial licences under the provision of the I (D&R) Act or DGTD registration/clearance etc. if so, what are the details thereof?